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TOPIC Military Activities of the 19th Tank Division at the Zeithain Training grounds.

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[REDACTED] on 1100 and 1300 and between 2000 and 2200 tank firing in the direction of the firing range north of the Zeithain training grounds.

2. During the night of 13 August a tank unit, which is stationed in Oschatz, returned with 15-18 x T-54s from Zeithain training grounds via Bobersen and Riesa to Oschatz. In the south-east section of the Zeithain Lager 9 x T-54s, 2 x JS-IIIs, 2 x T-34/85s, and 1 ISU-122 were observed. 2 x T-54s were parked in the firing range east of the camp; 2 x JS-IIIs were observed in front of the sheds in the north-east section of the installation.²
3. On 13 August, at approximately 1430, the following column was seen moving from Zeithain training grounds in the direction of Grossenhain: 10 x M-3 armored personnel carriers, each occupied by 8 - 10 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 x BA-64 armored scout cars, 4 trucks each towing a 37-mm AAA gun and carrying 8 - 10 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 6 repair-shop trucks, 2 trucks each towing a field kitchen, 1 sedan with a lieutenant colonel wearing tank insignia.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. These are tanks which held [REDACTED] at the Zeithain training grounds between 8 and 13 August 1955. Presumably they belong to the 23th Tank Regiment of the 9th Tank Div.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably these tanks belong to the 95th Tank Regiment of the 9th Tank Div.
3. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably this column is identical with that which proceeded via Jacobsthal in the direction of Zeithain on 8 August. This unit, which probably belongs to the First Gds Mecz Army, presumably returned from exercises held in the Zeithain-Muehlberg-Riesa area.

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